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CHAPEL PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED BY DEAN WICKS

Freshmen Break Usual Tradition; Win Class Day

In the best underdog tradition, the Freshmen came from behind in the last event, the sing, to cop that event's cup and to garner the trophy awarded for the best over-all performance in all events of Class Day. The Freshmen displayed great competitive class spirit in keeping close behind the Sophomores in the track meet and baseball game scoring and were aided in their triumph by what has been described by onlookers as "divine assistance" when appropriate thunder and lightning accompanied their renditions of the biblical "Go Down, Moses" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Class Day officially began at 2:30 Monday on Steuben Field when the track meet got underway. A cloudburst soon flooded the cinders and dampened the dandelions, but the meet continued. The Sophomores won with 45 points, while the Freshmen took second honors, staying in the running with 37 points.

Moving to the northeast end of the baseball field, where a special diamond had been marked off, the Freshmen and Sophomores resumed their struggle. By virtue of lopsided victories over the Seniors and Juniors on the previous Friday (also soggy), these teams qualified for the finals. The Sophomores suppressed a ninth inning rally to win, 6-4. Fred Jobe starred for the winners, hurling two hit ball in the six scoreless innings he remained on the mound. Gally Crump was starting pitcher for the Freshmen, but was replaced by Ray Powers in the fourth. Strike-caller J. Franklin Hunt and base ump Earl G. Svendsen were ably heckled by coaches John Mayes and Carl Menges.

The final, and traditonal, event of Class Day, the Interclass Sing, began shortly before nine, Monday evening. Classes gathered from last-minute practice sessions to listen to the Freshmen lead off from the steps of Benedict. While the last notes of "Carissima" faded amid the rolling of thunder, the large crowd moved to the Library to hear the Sophomores begin with "When You Wore a Tulip" "My Gal Sal" and "Swanee". They sang their surprise number, a class song entitled "On This Hilltop Verdant Green", which was composed by director Dick Caspar, with lyrics by Don Roscher.

The ever-threatening storm broke, just as the Juniors were about to begin. The crowd quickly broke for the Chapel, where the Juniors continued the program with "The Dartmouth Winter Song". "Clementine", another forty-niner, followed, with solo by Bob Hilfinger and harmony by the Junior quartet. "Carissima" featured a one verse solo by director Phil Brooks.

The Seniors completed the program with "All Through the Night", "Tavern in the Town", the Alpha Delt Octet's version of "In the Good Old Summer Time", and concluded with "Carissima", featuring a solo by director Alan Schepper.

The judges, Dr. Arthur Percy

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OCTET FEATURED AT INTERCLASS SING

College Glee Club Gives First Concert

The Hamilton College Glee Club will present its first formal concert tomorrow evening at 8:00 in the Hall of Commons. Directed by Mr. John L. Baldwin, the program will include spirituals, folk songs, and several light numbers.

Formed last October by students desiring an organization which would sing entirely secular music, the Glee Club originally excluded freshmen from membership in order not to interfere with that class's participation in the Choir. Since then, however, rules have been changed to permit freshmen to join the club.

Tomorrow evening's program, to which the college community is invited, will include Negro spirituals **De Anima's a Comin'** and **Were You There;** an American folk song, **Sourwood Mountain;** an old German drinking song, **Rhein Wein;** and **Brothers Sing On, Dear Land of Home, The Dartmouth Winter Song,** and **The Broken Melody.**

MOVIE GREAT SUCCESS

The AVC benefit movie for the residents of North Village grossed that veteran organization $242. Profits from the 316 tickets sold will be contributed to the landscaping of North Village, which project will begin immediately.

Charlatans Read 'Oedipus' on 26th

The Charlatans will present a reading, with music, of **Oedipus Rex** by Sophocles on Wednesday, May 26, at 8:00 P. M. in the Chapel.

The following men will read their old parts in the play, which was the first performance directed here by Professor Theodore R. Bowie and the first for which Professor Berrian R. Shute wrote the music: Peter Ostroff, in the title role; Douglas Parrott, Reynold Tucker, Gordon MacLeod, John Torpats, and Sidney Corbett. Replacements for the two men who have graduated will be John Gerton and Dwight Carter, substituting for Charles Vetter '46 and Matthew McCullough '46. Mrs. John Gambs will read the part originally played by Miss Katherine Johnston, who in the Spring of 1946 was living at the home of her brother, Professor Thomas M. Johnston. Seven members of the original fifteen-man Chorus who are still in college, will be directed by Professor Shute.

The McKinney Prize Speaking Contest will take place in the Chapel tonight at 8:00. Four members from each class will compete for two book prizes for each competing group. Juniors will speak impromptu and the sophomores, ex tempore; freshmen will give memorized declamations.

Dean Wicks Will Present Plan To Change Chapel Attendance

On Sunday evening during the regular Chapel service, Dean of the Chapel Robert Wicks will discuss the changes in chapel attendance which have been suggested in discussions held with students and faculty members throughout the year. Dean Wicks especially requests that "all those interested in the problem attend the meeting to evaluate the proposals and the reasons for making them." He added that the fact that he has been on the Hill for only a very short time during the course of the year has prevented him from making a public statement on the question earlier.

Administration Position Clarified

The substitution of a student petition for the proposed boycott of Chapel was commended by Dean Tolles in a special interview on Wednesday afternoon. Said the Dean, "I don't believe that a show of force would have helped to solve the situation. This is a case for careful, reasonable consideration."

Commenting on the rumor that either he or President Rudd had said earlier, "The administration will not be coerced by the students", Dean Tolles added, "I am sure that neither President Rudd nor I ever made that statement. Certainly it was not made in any written or official expression of policy."

He went on to indicate, however, that the fact should be fairly obvious to the students that the administration would be very slow indeed to respond to a simple show of force by the student body. "That fact, however," he said, "does not mean that the administration can not be convinced that the students may be right if the problem is handled in a reasonable way."

When asked if the threat of a boycott, although not carried out, would have any effect on the possible success of the present plans for modifying the Chapel program, he said, "Frankly, I don't know. Probably some resent the implication of the threat."

Petition to Deans Tolles and Wicks

A petition now in the hands of Dean Tolles and Dean Wicks, suggested Saturday by Matthew C. Finn after mounting opposition showed clearly that the plan for not attending Chapel on last Sunday evening would have had far less than majority support, has been handled by members of both the group formerly favoring boycott and those opposed to such direct action. According to those who formulated the petition, it is intended "not to appease either the strikers or administration, but rather to act constructively to solve the problem."

The petition is the second to be circulated in connection with compulsory chapel attendance recently. Registering its signers as opposed to compulsory chapel, it favors settlement of the problem to be worked out with the administration and the faculty. The first, on the other hand, was aimed towards directly stopping the boycott and represented the crystallization of the opposition. The present document has been widely accepted among the students as an approach to the problem.

NYSES Offers State Graduates Job Assistance

Members of the Senior Class who have not made final employment plans before commencement will be able to look to the New York State Employment Service for assistance. Establishment of a new state-wide clearing house of employment opportunities for recent college graduates has been announced by Milton O. Loysen, Executive Director of the State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, of which the NYSES is a part.

Through this clearing house, employers who are not able to send hiring representatives directly to the colleges of the State will have machinery for learning about the qualifications of recent college graduates who are available for employment, regardless of where they may be located in the State.

Governor Dewey, calling attention to the large number of veterans who will be receiving degrees this year, has asked all employers to notify the Employment Service of openings for which they wish to consider June graduates. Letters have gone from Mr. Loysen to the presidents of virtually every firm employing more than twenty persons in New York State. In the nearly one hundred communities of the State where Employment Service offices are located, field men are now visiting employers individually to find the jobs.

"We are now asking members of the class of '48 who live in New York State or who wish to work in New York State, and who would like help in finding suitable employment, to register, after college classes, with the New York State Employment Service office nearest their homes or in the community in which they wish employment," Mr. Loysen said. "Every office will be fully informed of opportunities in all parts of the state and will take whatever steps are necessary to put qualified graduates in touch with the hiring employers."

Students' Model U. N. Security Council To Hold Session At Sig House Monday

"If the Model Security Council meeting on Monday proves successful," said Professor George Lenczowski in a special interview, "chances are good that it will become a regular part of the classwork in International Relations."

The idea for the meeting in the Sigma Phi house at 4:00 P. M. and again at 8:00 P. M. grew from student participation in intercollegiate Model UN meetings of a similiar nature. As finally constituted, the delegations are: **Argentina**—John Warren (Chairman), Edwin Langdon, Raymond Murray; **Belgium**—John Campion (Chairman), William Hinds, William Page; **Canada** — Michael Twomey (Chairman), Bradley Roberts, William Von Thurn; **China**—Richard Lighthall (Chairman), Robert Kirk, Harvey Shriber, Charles Crampton; **Columbia** — Robert Krompart (Chairman), James Burns, Robert Conklin; **France**—Francis Dolan (Chairman), Phillips Brooks, David Hayter, Alvah Davis; **Syria**—Donald Ghent (Chairman), John Parker, William Spicer, William Cooper, **Ukranian S. S. R.** — Benjamin Allen, (Chairman), Douglas Fulton, P. James Underwood, Paul Randall; **U. S. S. R.**—Robert Held (Chairman), David Bannatyne, Reynold Tucker, David Porter; **United Kingdom**—Morgan Underwood (Chairman), Robert Backman, J. Robert Pigott, Keith Wellin; **United States**—Warren Levin (Chairman), John O'Neill, Donald Mawhinney.

In addition to the regular members of the Security Council, the Arab League will be represented by F. Rosenberg, the Jewish Agency by Christopher Beebe, and the deposed Czechoslovakian democratic government by Thomas Maccabe, posing as Dr. Jan Papanek, replaced head of the Czechoslovakian delegation to the UN.

P. James Underwood, Jr., has been chosen to act as President of the Council for the evening session; William Spicer, as announced in **The Spectator** last week, is presiding officer during the afternoon. Mrs. Charles W. Reeves will be assistant to the Secretary-General, William Higgins.

The agenda includes discretionary time limitation on debate by the chair. Tentatively the question of admission of new members of the UN will be discussed from 4:30-5:30, Palestine from 5:30-6:30, and 8:00-9:00, and Czechoslovakia from 9:00-10:00.

All plans for the session have been made by a committee under the supervision of Professor Lenczowski and

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"There Is No Floor Here"

The student body of Hamilton College showed conclusively last week that they were supporters of the abolition of compulsory Sunday Chapel attendance, and that they were interested in effecting a change, by attending two meetings to see how a group of students intended "to show the College that we mean business" by a stay-away-from-Chapel movement. Members of the student body are to be admired for having enough common sense to get up and walk out of the second of these meetings when one of its organizers remarked after being reminded that a speaker had the floor that "there is no floor here."

The issue of last week — that there should not be *compulsory* religion at Hamilton College — revolved not so much about the issue itself but the method by which certain students on the campus intended it should be brought to a head. The majority of those present at the two meetings, appropriately held in the Chapel, indicated a dislike for mass action and enough confidence in their Student Council to see the problem solved in an intelligent and sane manner.

Certainly there was no other solution to the problem that made any sense. What might have marked the beginning of an unending series of student uprisings, most of which would eventually degenerate into riots over petty, minority squabbles, was fortunately avoided. The solution, administrative action through the Student Council, was a logical one — too bad the framers of the petition, calling for negotiation of the Chapel problem, failed to carry through this solution by submitting the petition to the Council. Why attempt to reorganize the Student Council for the explicit purpose of bringing faculty, administration, and students closer together, only to by-pass it for action which would undoubtedly alienate the parties concerned? When the Student Council, as it is now organized, fails "to go to bat" for the entire undergraduat body it represents, and that is unlikely, then, and not before, is it time to take another form of action.

Why Have A Student Council?

Notwithstanding that the recently ratified Student Council Constitution should have been distributed directly to the hands of each individual student (obviously, half of the student body cannot be expected to be interested enough to pick up a copy from a centrally located mail table in fraternity house or dormitory), the current dissatisfaction over so many issues of late is being unwisely and even stupidly expressed.

Instead of taking their problems directly to the Student Council, small groups of students are doing nothing less than making a fool of that governing organization by arousing the student body as a whole to believe in unsubstantiated fears and misgivings. The Student Council should be the only student organization to call meetings of the entire student body which deal with problems particularly concerning intra-student body relations. Furthermore, the Student Council should maintain some semblance of order at these meetings — certainly a better display of college-level discussion than was shown in the Chapel last Wednesday and which caused half or more of those present to walk away in disgust.

If we continue to take matters into our own hands without giving the Student Council an opportunity to act in our behalf, not only are we weakening any confidence the faculty and administration may have left in us, but we are causing those among us who have a sincere interest in student affairs at Hamilton College to lose that interest rapidly.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Student Council Constitution appeared in an EXTRA edition of "The Spectator", number 22 of Volume I, on May 10, 1948.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In view of your recent editorial, there are certain facts about the Sophomore Class elections which I should like to clarify. The preceding week, an announcement was made at a class meeting that the elections would be held on Tuesday or Wednesday evening. I understood that all classes would hold elections on the same night. Monday I found that this was not so. Late Tuesday morning, I personally phoned every fraternity house and the Squires Club asking that an announcement be made at the noon meal to the effect that "there will be an important meeting of the Sophomore class tonight at nine o'clock at the Alpha Delt House. We are going to elect officers for next year and practice for the Class Sing."

Since there were feelings against voting in fraternity blocs it is regretable that the meeting was held in a fraternity house. But, as there had been plans for sing practice and a beer party immediately following, I volunteered the use of the Hall.

The 30% attendance was typical of the active participation this year. Perhaps I am assuming a good deal (or your correspondent was), but it is my opinion that the voting was not in "blocs." The proceedings were not conducted by a steering committee, rather, by a group attempting to secure the election of the most worthy individual — irrespective of his affiliation.

Paul D. Horsman '50
President of this year's
Sophomore Class.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Your editorial entitled "Students Transferring," in a recent issue discussed certain student dissatisfaction with some of the inadequacies of our college. You stated the problem and demanded action, and I should like to advance a plan which seems to be a most likely means of efficiently achieving such action.

Probably the basic issue presented in your editorial was that dealing with the alleged incompetencies of some of the faculty. Webster defines a college as "a society of scholars incorporated for study or instruction . . . also, a building or group of buildings used by a university, etc." My contention here is the obvious but often forgotten fact that the prime requisite of a college is its faculty. In fact, one might say that the faculty is the college, a principle which is borne out by some of Hamilton's nearby sister institutions which have established creditable records without the benefit of a "beautiful ivy-walled campus, steeped in tradition".

Further, by Webster's definition, a college must have something more than just a faculty in name; it must have a faculty whose members are able to instruct. A man lacking this ability, regardless of how complete his background may be, is not qualified to be a member of a faculty. And a school of Hamilton's physical potentialities should never be satisfied with anything which is less than the best.

Your editorial implied that some members of Hamilton's faculty apparently do not have this ability to instruct. Some possible causes for the present situation were mentioned: the ever-aging "post-war difficulties" and the college's financial problems (the administration still sees fit to maintain such services as those rendered by the questionably efficient staff of dormitory housekeepers, however). Could the real cause for the really deplorable faculty situation actually lie in the failure, on the part of those who do the hiring and firing, to be really aware of the conditions that exist?

It would seem, then, that this question of faculty incompetence demands careful and explicit definition and description in order that it might be emphatically brought to the at-

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Allegro

MARTIN MURPHY

It is not the custom these days to speak very loudly if at all about the *American Success Story*. One does so at the risk of being branded as illiterate and distinctly passé. On the chance that I shan't be relegated to the children's corner, and since last Tuesday was Irving Berlin's 60th birthday and this is, I believe, National Irving Berlin Week or something of the sort, I'll dust off this well worn saga and add a few words of my own. There isn't much doubt that Mr. Berlin ranks rather low in the hierarchy of those known as "writers of serious music". With no symphonies and nary a concerto to his credit, he has contrived nevertheless to turn out in the past four decades or so, some of the most charming tunes any age has ever heard.

Whether or not the popular song of the variety Berlin has specialized in is exclusively typical of the American preference for the shallow in all things is something else again. Everybody knows that Berlin's knowledge of musical theory is approximately equivalent to that of a grammar school student in a music appreciation class. It is painful no doubt to the classical musician that a man who can compose only in the key of F sharp and who requires a musical secretary to take down his melodies, should earn a half-million dollars for writing seven or eight primer simple tunes for a Hollywood film. But returning to the theme of the American success story, is it or is it not a spectacle wonderful to contemplate that an immigrant's son with all these inadequacies, could have achieved the position Berlin has in our national scene? Arnold has said that a poet must speak of *life* to be a genuine artist. If Berlin stops at the Inn more often than he completes his journey home, as Arnold would have his poet do, what of it?

In his 800 or more songs, Berlin has expressed in his own way the laughter and tears of a nation between wars. In time to come the people whose songs Berlin has written will of necessity be doing less stopping at the Inn and more journeying home. So if it's goodbye to all that (and it looks like it is) let's take a moment to shed a tear in our collective beer. And let's drink to that tired American Success routine before we go on — and to Irving Berlin. It was great while it lasted. Now, what time does the next train leave for the waste-land?

Famous Alumni

Elihu Root

By Carmine G. Scala

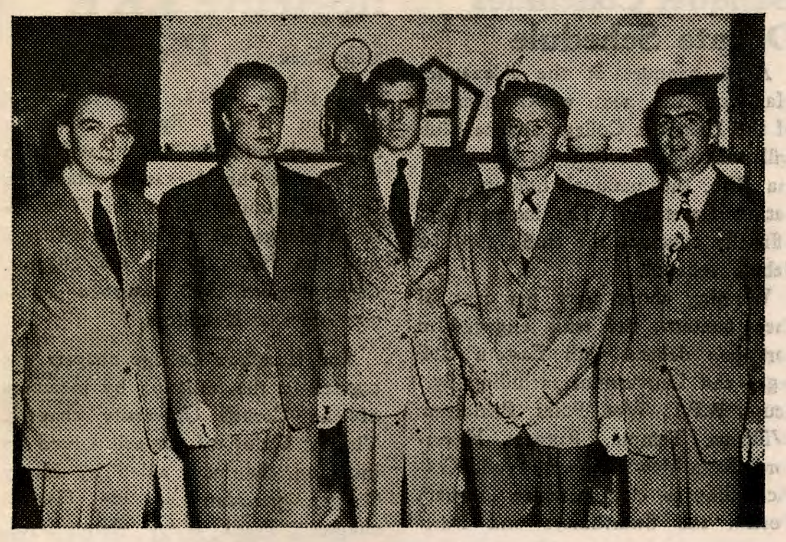
Undoubtedly one of the most distinguished sons of Hamilton College is the late Elihu Root. Mr. Root was born in the building which now houses the College Administration, Buttrick Hall, on February 15, 1845, and one week before his ninety-second birthday he was buried in the College cemetery.

Mr. Root's father, affectionately referred to as "Square" Root, was for many years a Professor of Mathematics at Hamilton and it was from Hamilton in July of 1864 that Elihu received his A. B. He was influenced by friends of his father to attend the New York University Law school although he did not enroll immediately upon graduation. Instead he took a position in an academy in nearby Rome, New York, where he taught every imaginable subject for a year. From this position, he earned sufficient money to begin his studies of law in the summer of 1865.

Mr. Root was admitted to the New York State Bar Association in June of 1867. He served in many cases of civil law during his early years in private practice, and notably the Tweed case in New York City. Perhaps his true ability and capacities as a jurist and administrator did not receive public acclaim, however, until he accepted President McKinley's call to become Secretary of War in July of 1899. In this capacity Mr. Root reorganized the army which had become very inefficient and unwieldly during and after the Spanish-American War. More notably he wrote the essence of the Platt Amendment and established the United States colonial policy with regard to Cuba and the Philippine Islands. Also during his tenure in this office, he assisted John Hay with the settlement of the Boxer Rebellion problems and then during Hay's iliness continued the Open Door policy which Hay had inaugurated. Root resigned the position of Secretary of War in 1904 but only eighteen months later he was called upon again to serve his country as Secretary of State in Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet. Root and Roosevelt became very close during this period and it is rightfully said that Root had a great deal of influence on Roosevelt in almost every phrase of activity that T. R. undertook. Outstanding among Root's accomplishments while in this capacity was the conclusion of the Gentlemen's Agreement with Japan regarding the entry of coolies into the United States. Also, Root's interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine has been said to be the basis of the Roosevelt Corollary to that Doctrine. Root also expanded and solidified this country's Latin-American policies and he is directly responsible for the establishment of the Central American Peace Conference which brought the application of the Hague Conference to that body.

Mr. Root served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College and was Chairman of the Board from 1909 until his death in 1937.

Elihu Root's greatest achievements were in the fields of world peace, international cooperation, and in the settlement of disputes between nations by diplomacy and arbitration instead of war. Without a doubt Elihu Root was the most outstanding government official of his day. His exemplary character stood out in every judgement, settlement, suggestion and action with which he was associated. Hamilton's Elihu Root was truly a statesman, jurist, and world peace maker.



Men of the Week

Each year at the last midweek Chapel service of the Spring semester, the students of Hamilton College witness the climax of honor society tapping—the selection of five members of the new Senior Class to succeed the retiring members of Pentagon, the highest of all undergraduate honors at Hamilton. The five selected as members of this society are chosen because of their "demonstrated love for Hamilton and a willingness to work for her welfare in all activities". Included in this qualification is athletic proficiency, individual personality, and interest in curricular as well as extra-curricular activities.

The impressive tapping ceremony, which takes place in the Chapel in the presence of the entire student body, will see each retiring member move forward individually from the dais, tap one of the new men, and escort him down the aisle.

First to move forward will be Nicholas K. Burns, Sigma Phi's representative of the Burnses of Clinton, who is President of the Senior class and the Student Council, Captain of the golf team, and hockey letterman and former member of D.T. and Was Los, President of the Junior class and Vice-Chairman of the Student Council. Nick, a graduate of Clinton High School and a veteran of three years in the Navy, plans to work with his father in his Clinton law office after graduating.

Following Nick down the aisle will be Elton L. Francis, Recorder for Pentagon, President of Emerson Literary Society and the Interfraternity Council, Editor of the **Hamiltonion,** Chairman of the College Publications Board and former Editor of the **Continental.** Elton, who is a native Utican and a graduate of Utica Free Academy is a veteran of more than three years with the Army Air Forces.

Next to tap a new member of Pentagon will be John Gallagher, one of this year's elections to Phi Beta Kappa and Editor of the **Continental** and a former member of D. T. and winner of first prize in the McKinney Public Speaking Contest in his Junior year. John, a Texan, and formerly a Captain in the Field Artillery, is holder of the Fayerweather Prize, the Brockway Scholarship, and the Captain Gerald Fitzgerald Dale Scholarship.

Then will come Robert D. Hartshorne, who is a native New Yorker and graduate of St. Paul's School at Concord, Massachusetts. Bob served with the Army Air Force for three years, is President of Sigma Phi, a football and hockey letterman and a former member of Was Los and **The Spectator** staff.

The last man to be named as a successor to the retiring members of Pentagon will be tapped and led down the aisle by Nathan A. Turkheimer, Governor of Pentagon. Turk, a New Yorker and alumnus of DeWitt Clinton High School and New York Agricultural College, is a veteran of three years service in the Army, having served in the Italian theater and been awarded the purple heart and the bronze and silver stars. He matriculated at Hamilton in 1946 and since that time has been active on college publications, serving as Editor of **Hamiltonews,** Editor of **The Spectator,** and a member of the College Publications Board and the **Continental** staff. In the Spring of 1947 he was elected to Pi Delta Epsilon, the honorary journalistic fraternity. In addition to his work with publications, Nate has served for two terms on the Student Council and has been a member of the A.V.C.

Five ascending Seniors will have been tapped and five old members will have retired. The successors will then assume the duties and responsibilities which have been in the hands of the ablest men of the Senior class for the past year. The powerful, yet inconspicuous, influence of Pentagon will be thus passed to a new group.

Following a re-vote on the new Student Council Constitution in the Hall of Commons last night, that document has been ratified by a 310-90 vote. Increased support for ratification came mainly from those who had abstained from voting at the first tabulation.

Chapel Controversy Not New to College; Protested Years Ago

In the nineteenth century there were three important issues involving the Hamilton College Chapel — those of the bell, the organ, and compulsory services; and the greatest of these was compulsory services.

Through the decades editorial opinion in the Hamilton Literary Monthly vacillated in its expressions on compulsory chapel services, though heavily weighted in opposition. Many editorials agreed, however, that students were generally irreverent during services, occupying themselves with secular things (gradations in student calibre determining the form of divertissement, from "bespattering the seats" with tobacco juice to "reading novels").

In October, 1873, the college magazine reported a "serious fault" in that "a number of students . . . habitually leave Chapel on Sunday while the minister is praying. They stay just long enough to be marked present, and then steal out." Besides the "disturbance of the religious service" which resulted, the Monthly also alleged that it was disrespectful to the "gentleman in the pulpit" for his audience to "thin out" in such a manner.

Another pro-compulsion editorial philosophically maintained that "compulsory attendance of whatever kind will help (a man) attain the highest ideal of his duty and obligation".

The reason for student waywardness was described four years later, when it was claimed that "four-fifths of the students peruse their textbooks" during the service "simply because the attendance at morning service is compulsory. A man may be compelled to attend a place of worship; but he can never be compelled to worship there . . . a change is needed somewhere."

Jazz Notes

By W. A. Robbins

To author a column, and especially one on music, you must of necessity be either a fool or an egocentric. If you have read any of my ramblings, you know I am both of these. And perhaps it is for this reason I dare rant now upon a rather delicate subject.

What is easier in this world to do than write with an air of knowledge? It is easier, actually, to talk with an air of knowledge. You merely repeat opinions and ideas you have heard expressed with somewhat of an atmosphere of authority, and they will easily pass.

(Yes, perhaps .... but get to the point.)

The point is an old one. Somewhere somebody has said it before; for a year and a day and a month I can write about jazz, and for a year and a day and a month I can talk about jazz, and for a year and a day and a month (and even an hour) you can listen. "But it won't do any good." It becomes the suspicious thing. The very stream of words shows the futility and my ignorance. Because it helps no one to be told they "really ought to like jazz, they ought really to." You don't learn the wealth and value of an art because someone *tells* you to like it.

The other suspicious thing is the acceptance of the music, jazz, under false pretenses, merely because it has been told you to do so. It is so easy to belong to a cult, the initiated, the knowledged-ones. It is the thing.

So? (you may ask). Well, look. Put it this way, if you like: be suspicious of the jazz pedant. Sure, read and listen. But for God's sake, make up your own mind. Just because a musician is reputed to be 'the end,' just because a reviewer ecstacies about a record, or a critic spends a page in adoration of a personality or style, just because of these, do not succumb to temptation and immediate salaam. You have a mind, don't you? Use it. You might find th exercise useful.

That's the lesson for today. Go home and go to bed.

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Outing Club Holds Blue Mountain Trip Despite Poor Weather

Despite last weekend's exceptional weather, six members of the Outing Club departed early Sunday morning for Blue Mountain, one of the major peaks in the southern tier of the Adirondacks. Transportation to the mountain, about 100 miles north of Clinton was provided by Professor J. Franklin Hunt and Mr. Donald S. Dunbar.

Although poor weather conditions prevented the group from enjoying the view, they were able to observe many of the unusual geological and naturalistic conditions of the area during the course of their two-hour climb of the 3,762 foot mountain.

Attendance on this trip was small because of the rain, but the Outing Club hopes for bigger turnouts with an expansion of its activities next fall. A joint trip with Skidmore Outing Club and participation in developing next winter's ski program are now being considered by the group.

Camera Club Teaches Latest Photo Styles

After a long siege of taking and processing more than one hundred dollars worth of pictures for the **Hamiltonian**, the members of the Camera Club are now functioning as a group to teach new members about photographic processes and to develop an increasing interest among old members in new trends in photography and dark room procedure.

Under President Charles W. Brady and Vice President W. Raymond Burrows, Jr., the club has received a dark room in the basement of Silliman Hall. Profits from job orders are being turned back into equipment for the darkroom which has grown considerably since it was moved from its original quarters a year ago in the Science Building.

Former Colonel Speaks on Russia

"Only by shouting, threatening, and pounding on the desk could I get any action from the Russians," asserted Mr. Clinton L. Olsen in his dress to the IRC at their banquet at the Alexander Hamilton Inn last Sunday evening. Mr. Olsen, formerly a colonel in the US Army Ordnance Department, spent two years in Russia during World War II as a member of the American military mission overseeing Lend-Lease supplies. He is now a member of the State Department and will leave soon to take a post in Austria.

In what IRC members called an amazingly frank and forthright talk, Mr. Olsen related his experiences among the Russians, revealing that while the Russians had representatives in every part of the United States arranging supplies, he, an American Army officer on official business, had to threaten and cajole to get a look at the port of Vladivostock. He related stories of his identity checks by the N. K. V. D., which he call "the most thorough, most efficient and most ruthless secret police organization of its kind."

Laundry Delivery Instituted on Hill

Desiring to make some spending money and at the same time perform a service for the college, Earl Williamson began recently his afternoon mail pickup and laundry case delivery service.

Williamson picks up the late afternoon mail for any house willing to pay him one dollar weekly. Although he earlier intended to give the same service to dormitory residents, he abandoned this plan in view of the difficulties involved in getting a dormitory to contribute to the expense.

Twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, he picks up laundry cases and delivers them to the post office. This added service is also available to dormitories. The charge for laundry case mailing is ten cents in addition to the postage which Williamson requests senders to estimate and leave with the cases.

Rushing Chairmen Meet Wednesday To Discuss Rules

At their last meeting the members of the Interfraternity Council called a special meeting of all rushing chairmen for next Fall to be held in the ELS House next Wednesday, at 8:00 P. M. The rushing chairmen will revise where necessary the interfraternity rushing rules and prepare for publication and campuswide distribution a complete set of regulations to be adhered to in rushing next Fall.

Also at their last meeting, the IFC discussed the use of standard bookkeeping forms, the individual house changes in the booklet **To The Freshmen**, and the extending to foreign students the opportunity to board at the houses and to enjoy house privileges without necessarily becoming members.

Voted upon and approved by the Council were measures to insure the receipt by the Dean's Office of lists of houseparty dates and chaperones on the Wednesday preceding each houseparty and a rule requiring any student wishing to make a personal announcement at an IFC meeting to contact the organization's president before the bi-weekly meetings.

YRC News On Absentee Voting

The Young Republicans have assumed the task of instructing the college community in practical political procedure. Soon to be affiliated with the Young Republicans Clubs of New York State, the organization is endeavoring to bring information on absentee voting to the Hill.

In New York State, citizens over twenty-one years of age who are attending college or trade school may vote in their home towns by absentee ballot. Not a commonly known fact, registration for this program should be completed during the summer. The club is planning to inform students of the details of the procedure.

Banquet Concludes Debate Schedule

At a banquet at the Alexander Hamilton Inn next week, members of the Hamilton College Debate Club will announce elections to Delta Sigma Rho, the national honorary debating fraternity. The banquet will officially conclude the club's 1947-48 debate schedule.

Winning about sixty per cent of their contests, the team engaged in forty-five debates with Eastern Colleges and Universities including Syracuse, R.P.I., West Point, Princeton, Williams, Temple, Rutgers, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Hobart, Wells, Col- According to club manager, Bertram Portin, the Swarthmore and Dartmouth opponents probably provided the best competition for Hamilton's two-man teams.

"The only discouraging thing about the past year," Portin stated, " is that freshmen and sophomores did not participate in debating for Hamilton. Most of our heavy debating was done by eleven men—all of them, except one, juniors and seniors." The two-man teams were made up of John Lyon, whom Portin commended for the excellent job he performed as the club's correspondent, Arnold Lerman, Walter Herz, Alfred Schneider, John Rayhill, Dale Williams, William Higgins, Sheldon Horowitch, Elliot Howard, Theodore Lewis, and Portin.

The principal question argued by the Hamilton teams was "Resolved: That a World Federal Government should be established." The same resolution was maintained throughout the season to facilitate the work of the teams, especially when they debated away two or three times in one weekend. The most important home contest was with West Point, at which about seventy Hamiltonians saw the local team win.

Next year's plans for the organization include, in addition to a schedule similar to that of this season, an extended trip through New England.

Re-Active T K E Initiates Pledges

Alpha Iota, local chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, held a combined initiation and re-activation banquet at the Alexander Hamilton Inn last Sunday afternoon. Twenty-seven pledges were formally inducted into the fraternity, as the chapter, dormant since 1943, returned to active status at Hamilton.

The Hamilton College chapter was assisted in the initiation by members of the Cornell University chapter. Vincent Oxley of Cornell served as initiation chairman, aided by Harry Cramer, president of the Cornell chapter , Frank Wiley, Ralph Dyce, Richard Lake, and Harry Moore. Dr. Willard Rankin, president of the New York City Graduate chapter, and members George Spencer, Robert Geran, and Robert Davis, of that chapter, also attended. Clifford S. McGregor represented the national office in the absence of Grand President, Rear Adm. R. C. Williams, Ret.

Toastmaster for the banquet was Leonard J. Crane '29 of Clinton, a member of Alpha Iota's Board of Control. Dr. Lynn McConnell, 17, also represented the chapter Board of Control. Other alumni present were James Metz, '43, Gilbert Adams, '45, Milt Jannone '43, and LeRoy J. Crane '33.

The Hamilton chapter has been under the guidance of three undergraduates, the only remaining members on the campus, since the beginning of re-activation several months ago. Howard S. Brasted Jr. is chapter president, Harrison Pearce, secretary, and Jack G. Record, director of pledges.

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Rochester Trips Trackmen; Schmidt Breaks Discuss Mark

The Hill trackmen dropped a heartbreaking 62 2|3 - 54 1|3 meet to Rochester last Saturday in the River City. It was a rather weird affair. The 220 low hurdles was called no race when one set of sticks was misplaced, causing the runners to break stride; in addition to this, one of the Yellowjackets crossed in front of Bob Larsen, apparently deciding that the Hamilton man had the better set of hurdles. The Continentals had only one entry in the pole vault, and this was another break for the Rivermen as they were able to take third in the event with a jump of only eight and a half feet. Just to make things a little more confusing, another meet had been run on the track the previous day, and nothing had been done to smooth out the cinders after they had been chopped up.

Alhough it was a tough loss to take, there were several bright spots in the Keefemen's showing. Freshman Fred Schmidt broke the college discus record with a toss of 125 feet, 3½ inches, to win that event easily, and added to his glory by also copping the shot put. Jim Ferguson placed second in both these events. Another frosh, Jake Heinig, fired the javelin 166 feet, 6 inches for another Hill first, while Captain Lasse Dyrdal garnered third in this event. Jim Benjamin and Bob Cook ran two-three in the 880, and both covered the distance in the neighborhood of 2:08. But the most surprising happening of the afternoon was the Hamilton sweep in the hundred yard dash. This event used to be one of the sorest spots on the program for the Blue, but things have certainly changed in the past year. It was Bobby Moore who broke the tape in this race in the fair time of 10.5. Johnny Payne and Clair Babcock followed him across the finish line.

The Continentals did not fare well in the distance races, however. Rochester grabbed both first and second in the mile and two mile, with Al Getman copping third in the mile and Bob DeMaine third in the two mile. It was the same story in the 220 with Dave Palmer salvaging third after the 'Jackets had taken first and second, and likewise in the high hurdles, with Bob Larsen coming in third.

The quarter mile ranked with the 880 as one of the most spine-tingling races of the meet. Lamb of the Rivermen darted into a fifteen yard lead as the runners took the first turn, but Bob Clements put on the same type of a drive that had won for him against Middlebury, and sailed home first in 54.7 seconds. Bob Bloomer was third.

The Continentals turned in their usual good showing in the field events, but the absence of Paul Langa cost them a first in the high jump. Frank Ashby was the top Hillman in this event with a second, while John Henderson tied with two of the Rivermen for third. Henderson placed second in the broad jump to complete the Hamilton scoring. Tomorrow the Buff and Blue thinclads will meet Cortland State in a dual encounter at Cortland. Inasmuch as Mohawk trimmed the Red Dragons by approximately the same margin as they did the Hillmen, it should prove to be a close one.

Lacrosse Team Faces Cortland State Ten

Coach Frank Hunt's lacrosse warriors will attempt to bring their string of defeats to an end tomorrow, when they journey to Cortland to meet the Red Dragons of Cortland State. Although they were routed in their first go with Cortland, the Hillmen have hopes of making more of a fight of it in this encounter.

The Continentals made their best showing of the season last Saturday, although they dropped a 9-5 decision to the Hobart jayvee ten. The Huntmen led the Statemen 4-3 at the end of the first canto, but fell apart at the seams in the second period as the Orangemen poured in five tallies to clinch the contest. Hamilton matched the lone Hobart goal in the last half, but by then it was not a question of who, but rather by how much.

Bill Wilson and Bill MacKenzie each accounted for two goals to lead the Hill scoring parade, while Moose Mapletoft tallied the other marker. Gabe Smilkstein and Jim Sontheimer were also outstanding for the Blue.

Spring Teams Plan To Meet Rochester

Jupiter Pluvius continued to spoil things for the Hamilton baseball and tennis teams, as rain washed out two diamond tiffs and the tennis match with Mohawk last week. Only the Hill divot diggers saw any action over the past weekend, as they routed the Mohawk swingers, 23½-3½. If the local monsoon season happens to come to an end by tomorrow, all three squads will take the field against the University of Rochester in the Kodak City.

Both the golf and tennis teams should fare quite well against the Rivermen. Although wet weather has been a hindrance to both, they have displayed their ability to hold their own against tough opposition, and should come out on the long end of the tally against the Yellowjackets. Baseball may be another story, however. If big Carl Wren goes to the hill against the Continentals, Coach Rudd's boys can look forward to a tough afternoon. Wren's slants have baffled many a batter this spring, and the Blue lineup is certainly not crowded with sluggers.

The weather hasn't been beneficial for the Hill pastimers, either. The lack of fielding and hitting practise could very easily show up against the 'Jackets. The Hamilton infield has not been exactly airtight this season, and a repetition of its showing against Utica College would make a gift of the tilt to the Rivermen. As far as pitching goes, it will probably be one of the old two reliables tomorrow, either Jerry Steiner or Jim Beaverson getting the nod.

Sport Views

By Jack Boynton

The general consensus on the Hill concerning the Rochester track meet last week is that we could have overcome that eight point deficit if the entire team had been able to make the trip. Injured Paul Langa, a very versatile high jumper who can usually exceed the five foot seven inch mark that took the meet Saturday, was probably the one man who might have accounted for the needed first if he had been able to go along with the team. Considering such a man as Paul had to be left at home, the squad did a very beautiful job and has managed to make the first meet of the season a rather obscure memory. Cortland will have to be well on its toes to take tomorrw's meet and it is doubtful if there will be any extreme cause for the trackmen to worry too much; a victory would go right well about now when one notices that the next meet is with the strong R.P.I. runners.

Turning to the lacrosse field where at least 23 of 600 odd students were in attendance to watch festivities, the story is much the same as it was with track. Although perhaps not as well played as the late Mohican Indians might have done, the crowd could hardly claim to have been lulled to sleep. For a bunch of guys who hardly knew what lacrosse was three months ago, the squad shows as much fight as any team that has been on the Hill since Sam Kirkland's days. True, there were times when play was a bit sullied, but that is to be expected. The fact that we lost to Hobart jayvees 9-5 shouldn't cause anyone to condemn the team since Hobart is quite a lacrosse school. At the present rate of increased interest, the big sports at Hamilton will probably be football, hockey, and lacrosse in a few years.

One nice thing about this column is the fact that there is usually at least one win from either the golf or tennis team to write about. This week, once again, Nick Burns and his divot diggers claim these honors, since the tennis team has been forced almost completely out of action by the weather. The golfers turned back Mohawk by a 23½ to 3½ count in the rain, erasing a previous loss with that member of New York's Associated Colleges. So far this spring, the golfers have annexed more victories than all other teams combined, despite the bad weather, but the shortened tennis schedule probably has something to do with that. Certainly the golf team deserves a lot more support than it has been getting—what, no support? How unusual.

A typical Hamilton attitude was exhibited at the Class Day athletic contests last Monday. There were not even 100 students at the track meet, including participants, and even less ventured over to the softball game. It seems certain that if guys don't give a damn about their Classes they sure aren't going to pay much attention to the teams. Everyone is willing to find fault with the administration about the tough requirements cutting down the number of athletes, but 49 out of 50 of these complacent wouldn't bother to go out to watch most sports if Jim Thorpe himself were playing for Hamilton. If sports were to be dropped entirely, it would take two years for everyone to find it out. Someone ought to go around and give some of these jokers a good swift boot where it would do the most good. Incidently, the sophomores are to be heartily congratulated on their dual victory of last Monday.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR(Cont'd)... tention of those who are able to make the necessary changes. And since the ability to instruct is one of the most important qualifications of a faculty member, it would seem that the best judges of a teacher are those students whom he succeeds or fails to instruct. The teacher may argue that the fault lies in the attitude of the student, but, assuming that the college's entrance requirements automatically restrict the attendance in Hamilton's classrooms to men of some degree of intelligence, should it not be an expected power of a teacher to develop this ability and maintain an active interest in even the most indifferent student?

Returning to Hamilton's present problem, it seems that the first step in strengthening our college lies in the creation of a Student Committee on the Faculty. By the very nature of its purpose, such a committee should be representative of all students. Its members should be capable of sound and judicious thinking. They must be well aware of all sides of the situation with which they are dealing. They must be willing to give the situation long and thoughtful consideration. Above all, such a committee should not be an organ for airing student "gripes".

The physical operation of such a committee should perhaps follow such a pattern as this:

1. The Committee should divide itself into groups, each group concerning itself with a particular department of the college. Members of each group obviously should be those men who have had the most contact with the particular department concerned.

2. Each group should consider at length the condition of its particular department. It should investigate history, present status, and perhaps make comparison with like departments in other departments in other colleges. It should determine the department's short-comings or its potentialities, and decide upon pertinent reccommendations accordingly.

3. Each group should record its findings and recommendations in the form of a carefully edited report. The combined reports of all groups shuold be prepared as the Report of the Student Committee on the Faculty.

4. A copy of the Committee Report should then be presented to each member of the Board of Trustees, to each member of the Faculty, to the President, and to any other individual concerned with Hamilton's welfare.

The plan could serve not only to correct the College's present weaknesses, but, as an annual program, could be instrumental in maintaining a consistantly high plane of teaching. For this reason, we should perhaps look to the current reform of the student government for the permanent incorporation of this plan or one similiar to it in its by-laws.

At any rate, the plan should partake of the integrated program to make Hamilton a better college. With the achievement of this end, our college will cease to operate on its overdrawn charge account reputation, and will begin to live up to all its potentialities in producing individuals who are well grounded and aware, and who possess the desire and ability for useful living.

Respectfully yours,
Orlando B. Potter '50

CLASS DAY (Cont'd) . . .

Saunders, Professor Berrian R. Shute, Mrs. Boyd C. Patterson, Mr. John L. Baldwin and Lee H Bristol, '45, retired to make their decision. Dr. Saunders, introduced by Bristol, chided the students, saying that the sing was not the best he had heard or had hoped for. He then announced the winner to the surprised audience, and a beaming Jim Scala, Freshman song director, received the cup awarded for the singing competition. Professor Shute came forward, described his sports attributes, and presented the Class Day trophy to Peter Kessler, new president of the Class of 1951. Although the Sophomores had won the track meet and baseball game, amassing a total of 65 points, this trophy went to the Freshmen for the best aggregate score total (67 points) for all Class Day events.

The day ended with the Juniors all-college party on the Deke lawn. Beer and pretzels were served under a blossoming apple tree, while the Glee Club warmed up for the coming concert.

SECURITY COUNCIL (Cont'd).. Secretary-General Higgins. They are John O'Neill, Chairman of Room Planning, who was assisted by Robert Conklin and John Parker; Warren Levin, Chairman of Decorations, Posters, and Documents; William Spicer; and Robert Krompart, Director of Information.

Several of the delegations have written to the actual permanent representatives of the nations they represent for information about the questions to be discussed.

Council Formed For Defense of Israel

Meeting at the Squires House on Sunday, May 16, a group of Hill students formed the Hamilton Council for the Defense of Israel. The main consideration, according to members of the Council, was "the fact that the Jews in Palestine need financial aid for the purchase of arms for their defense."

Acting chairman Gabriel Smilkstein chose a committee made up of Robert Lipgar, Peter Falk, Arnold Klein, and Sheldon Horowitch to contact the fraternities to explain the need for aid to Israel as well as answer any questions on Zionist activities.

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